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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION ANALYSIS OF
UNIFORM CRIME REPORT FOR JAN-JUNE 2009**
*Double-Digit Decreases in Murder and Motor Vehicle Theft;
Reductions in Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Breaking & Entering, and Larceny-Theft Statewide*

BALTIMORE, MD (November 17, 2009) – According to the Maryland State Police Uniform Crime Reports, total crime dropped 9 percent in Maryland during the first six months of 2009 compared with the same period in 2008. This demonstrates Maryland's ongoing accomplishments in improving public safety.

Maryland has identified five primary strategies to reduce crime in Maryland:

- Strategy 1-** Identify high risk offenders, hold them accountable, and improve re-entry services to support successful return to our communities
- Strategy 2-** Enhance warrant service to swiftly remove violent offenders from the streets
- Strategy 3-** Ensure DNA is utilized at its fullest capacities to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent
- Strategy 4-** Attack illegal gun use and possession
- Strategy 5-** Modernize crime fighting and information sharing through the use of the best 21st century technology available

For the first six months of 2009, twelve of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions reported reductions in violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault), lead by an 11.5 percent reduction in murder. The data also show reductions in robbery of 6.9 percent and aggravated assault of 2.8 percent, resulting in a 4 percent reduction in violent crime statewide.

Property crime decreased by 9.5 percent with twenty of Maryland's jurisdictions reporting reductions in key property crime categories (breaking and entering, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft). The drop in property crime was lead by a dramatic 27 percent reduction in motor vehicle theft statewide. Breaking and entering dropped 5.9 percent and larceny-theft dropped 7 percent statewide.

The progress in fighting crime is due in part to innovative statewide initiatives that allow law enforcement agencies to share information and work together. Governor O'Malley adapted this approach to State government by establishing the StateStat process and defining Security Integration as the most cost effective approach to improving public safety in Maryland in the near term. Security Integration requires all State agencies to constantly examine what data/databases and resources they have that could assist State, regional or local government public safety efforts. Security Integration involves three components:

- (1) State agencies develop mechanisms to share data among themselves and with local governments.
- (2) Based on issues identified through State data sharing efforts, implement State, regional and local resource deployment strategies to support the local crime fight.

- (3) Work toward seamless coordination and consistent information-sharing among all levels of government, and integrate cross-border sharing of timely and accurate data with neighboring states.

In practice, the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP), the Department of Juvenile Services, and Maryland State Police have worked collaboratively with local law enforcement agencies to identify the most violent offenders, share information on the terms of their supervision, and hold them accountable to prevent them from preventing future violent crimes.

Providing local agencies with an array of state services and data creates a force-multiplier in Maryland's fight against crime. Cross-border relationships with Virginia and the District of Columbia have also provided Maryland public safety partners with much needed information on offenders who move across jurisdictional boundaries in an attempt to confound the efforts of law enforcement.

